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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-22. (cancelled)

23. (new) A bicycle carrier comprising:

a support mast;

a hitch attachment bar extending from the support mast;

a first elongate support member extending from the support mast;

a second elongate support member connected to the support mast and extending substantially parallel to the first elongate support member;

a cradle fixedly disposed along the first elongate support member, the cradle including four tines wherein each of the tines extends away from the first elongate support member and each of the tines has a free distal end, thereby allowing a fork of a bicycle to be received between the tines; and

means for securing a wheel of said bicycle to the bicycle carrier, said means being disposed along the second elongate support member.

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24. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 wherein a first pair of the tines form a V-shaped base having arms extending therefrom.
25. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 24 wherein the arms are parallel to each other.
26. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 24 wherein a second pair of the tines form a V-shaped based having arms extending therefrom.
27. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 26 wherein the first pair of tines and second pair of tines are spaced-apart from each other.
28. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 wherein the means for securing the wheel of said bicycle to the bicycle carrier includes a J-hook.
29. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 further including an offset bar for connecting the second elongate support member to the support mast and offsetting the second elongate support member from the first elongate support member.
30. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 further including a plurality of cradles disposed along the first elongate support member and corresponding means for securing the wheel of said bicycle to the bicycle carrier disposed along the second elongate support member.
31. (new) A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 wherein the first elongate member extends in a direction opposite the hitch attachment.